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Applicant : Martin Stanton et al. Art Unit : 1635
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PETITION FOR FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated June 28, 2006, be extended for five months to and including December 28, 2006.

Enclosed is a check for \$1080 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 14345-002004.

Respectfully submitted,

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